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1. AMOUZEGAR'S REMARKS REFERRED TO IN REFTEL REGARDING UNHOLY ALLIANCE BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND UNNAMED COUNTRY HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED LOCALLY AS DIRECTED AT ALGERIA. AFP SAYS AMOUZEGAR INDICATED THAT OTHER STATE, EVIDENTLY MOSLEM, HAD 13 MILLION INHABITANTS AND DESPERATELY NEEDED PETROLEUM REVENUES.

2. BY PROCESS OF ELIMINATION, IRAQ AND ALGERIA ONLY TWO COUNTRIES WHICH COME CLOSE TO FITTING DESCRIPTION OF OTHER COUNTRY ASSUMING FROM CONTEXT THAT IT MUST BE MOSLEM. ALGERIA'S POPULATION IS, OF COURSE, WELL ABOVE
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13 MILLION. IRQA'S IS WELL BELOW THAT FIGURE ACCORDING

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TO INFORMATION WE HAVE HERE. ALGERIA, HOWEVER, IS OBVIOUSLY IN NEED GOOD DEAL MORE REVENUE, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS NOT CASE WITH IRQA. LATTER WOULD THEREFORE SEEM TO BE ELIMINATED.

3. LE MONDE AND MY COLLEAGUES HERE ALL ASSUME ALGERIA WAS MEANT. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR SAYS HE UNABLE CONFIRM. TEHRAN MAY HAVE SOME INSIGHT INTO MATTER.

4. COMMENT: AMOUZEGAR'S REMARKS PERHAPS NOT TOO IMPORTANT IN THEMSELVES, BUT IF HE HAD ALGERIANS IN MIND THIS IS ANOTHER INDICATION LATTER HAVE BEEN TAKING RELATIVELY MODERATE LINE IN OPEC COUNCILS, AS THEY CLAIM.PARKER

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